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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Hin-Yiu Chung et al. )  
Serial No. To be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For METHOD FOR OXIDIZING A )  
LAYER, AND ASSOCIATED )  
HOLDING DEVICES FOR A )  
SUBSTRATE )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.